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Subject: Re: CLARIFICATION: NWF DOES NOT SUPPORT EPA's EXPEDITED FL STATE ASSUMPTION PROCESS

John,

Thanks for sending this. A bit frustrated as it appears things are being misconstrued or at best lost in translation. To my knowledge no one has told Jan (or anyone else) that EPA equates NFW's support of the majority opinion with supporting state assumption.

I have informed/reminded folks internally here at EPA that NWF supported the majority recommendations of the FACA.

EPA, has been told by FDEP that environmental groups like NWF in fl were supportive of FLs efforts.

Not sure how these two separate understandings (even if the second is inaccurate as Jan states below) translate into EPA saying NWF supports expediting state assumption.

Not sure how to resolve this. It is unfortunate that this is the first communication the group has received since submitting their recommendations in June. And we haven't even taken action on the report 's recommendations.

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On Feb 10, 2018, at 7:00 AM, Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

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Assumable Waters Subcommittee – I know our task is done, but I need to be crystal clear with all of you and particularly EPA and Corps staff and officials that NWF strongly opposes EPA's campaign to expedite 404 State Assumption in Florida and elsewhere.

I am very disturbed to learn that my very narrow support for the very limited recommendations we made with regard to assumable waters may now be being misrepresented as support of state assumption.

In fact, our limited findings were predicated upon a set of assumptions that included strong legal and policy safeguards that ensured that only legally strong, effective, well-resourced state programs would be approved, and would be approved through a transparent process subject to meaningful public input. We are strongly opposed to the process as it seems to be moving in Florida and will be opposed to any similar expedited process that may proceed in other states.

For what its worth,

Jan

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